regional geographic area, including representation before the Board of Contract Appeals, liaison with U.S. Attorneys on contract, real estate, and tort litigation, as well as personnel related matters, such as labor/management relations, Equal Employment Opportunity, Merit Systems Protection Board, National Labor Relations Board, and district court actions.

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§ 227.10 Controller Department.

International Accounts Center. The International Accounts Center, located in New York, NY, is responsible for reviewing, approving, settling, and auditing international mail handling and transportation accounts for contracts and agreements entered into by the Postal service.

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§ 227.11 Philatelic and Retail Services Department.

(a) *Philatelic Units.* The Philatelic Sales Division, located in Merrifield, VA, is a large mail and telephone order sales operation for stamps and other philatelic products; it is supported by an order fulfillment unit in Kansas City, MO, which is responsible for the filling and shipping of domestic and international mail orders for philatelic products.

(b) Stamped Envelope Unit. The Stamped Envelope Unit, located in Williamsburg, PA, processes, distributes, and certifies billing or postmaster accountability for direct orders of all stamped envelope products marketed by the Postal service.

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PART 228—SERVICE CENTERS

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§ 228.1 General.

Service Centers typically serve a regional area only and report to head-quarters, providing technical guidance and support to field division employees and carrying out the day-to-day responsibilities of a function.

§ 228.2 Engineering and Technical Support Department—Maintenance Overhaul and Technical Service Centers (MOTSC).

Maintenance Overhaul and Technical Service Centers are responsible for:

- (a) Refurbishing mail processing equipment such as letter sorting machines, facer cancellers, and related equipment.
- (b) Providing technical advice and guidance to field maintenance employees on procedures and practices to follow.

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§ 228.3 Delivery, Distribution, and Transportation Department—Transportation Management Service Centers (TMSC).

Transportation Management Service Centers are responsible for:

- (a) Procuring mail transportation services between mail processing centers.
- (b) Controlling the inventory of empty mail equipment.
- (c) Coordinating the movement of mail between mail processing centers, bulk mail centers (BMCs), management sectional centers (MSCs), and field divisions.

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§ 228.4 Facilities Department—Facilities Service Centers.

Facilities Service Centers are responsible for:

- (a) Developing functional design specifications for new or altered facilities.
- (b) Investigating and evaluating sites for proposed postal facilities.

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- (c) Purchasing, leasing, disposing of, and managing real estate and facilities.
- (d) Contracting for the design and construction of facilities.

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§ 228.5 Procurement and Supply Department—Procurement and Materiel Management Service Centers.

Procurement and Materiel Management Service Centers are responsible for:

- (a) Contracting for supplies, services, and equipment.
- (b) Maintaining systems for inventorying equipment and supplies.

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§ 228.6 Rates and Classification Department.

Rates and Classification Service Centers are responsible for:

- (a) Managing, for a geographic area, the rates and classification activities related to rates schedules, mail classification, and statistical systems, including guiding and monitoring bulk mail acceptance, mailing requirements, data collection programs in divisions, and providing classification rulings.
- (b) Providing decisions on authorizations and rulings that enable customers to exercise mailing privileges for various classes of mail and service.

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$\S 228.7$ Human Resources Group.

Human Resources Service Centers are responsible for:

- (a) Processing personnel actions and maintaining personnel records for the regional office and the service centers.
- (b) Implementing the Human Resources Information System (HRIS) in the field and training all users.
- (c) Providing administrative support, technical guidance, and case processing for Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), and nonbargaining appeals.
- (d) Overseeing all safety and health programs and issues, and responding to incidents or inquiries involving industrial hygiene.

(e) Coordinating the scheduling of all arbitration cases with arbitrators, union representatives, and field employees.

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PART 229—FIELD ORGANIZATIONS

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229.1 Regions.

229.2 Field Divisions.

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229.4 Other Field Organizations.

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§229.1 Regions.

(a) *General.* The Regions are responsible for monitoring the performance of postal operations; assessing long-term solutions to operating problems; and performing long-range operational planning.

(b) Functional Units. Each region is headed by a Regional Postmaster General who reports to the Deputy Postmaster General. Each region is organized into five functions: Finance, Human Resources, Marketing and Communications, Operations Support, and Planning, as follows:

(1) Finance is responsible for all accounting, budgeting, financial analysis, and management information programs.

(2) Human Resources is responsible for all employee and labor relations programs.

(3) Marketing and Communications is responsible for commercial accounts and merchandising programs, market and product analysis, and for providing information to the public and employ-

- (4) Operations Support is responsible for operations planning and monitoring the performance of the mail processing network.
- (5) Planning is responsible for longrange planning for the region and for support services to the regional building.
- (c) Regional areas—(1) Central region. The headquarters for the Central Region is in Chicago, IL. The regional area is made up of the states of Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas,